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Mr. Shawn Musgrave  
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**RE:** Response to Freedom of Information Request: EPA-HQ-2013-002768

Dear Mr. Musgrave:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on January 14, 2013, for:

1. Any requests for proposals, proposals submitted by vendors, contracts, budgets or cost allocations for the purchase, research of and/or use of aerial drones, UAs, UAVs, and UASs, etc.;
2. Any policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on institutional use of drones, including on the legal process required (such as a warrant or court order), if any, before operating a drone;
3. Any Departmental records concerning this institution's use of and/or research of drones now or plans to use drones in the future including;
  - a. the types of investigations or instances in which this department is using or plans to use drones, or how it plans to support, manage or oversee the usage of drones by another department or office;
  - b. policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on storage requirements or procedures for video or static images obtained through use of drones, including retention times;
  - c. the altitude at which drones can or do fly; and
  - d. drones' ability to carry weapons.

The Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training has conducted a records search and has no documents responsive to your request.

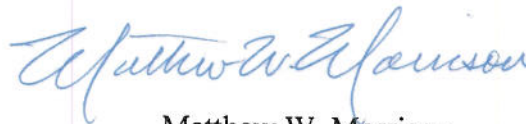
For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist

If you are not satisfied with my action on this request, you may submit a written appeal to the National Freedom of Information Officer, FOIA and Privacy Branch (2822T), United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), or by fax: (202) 566-2147, or by email: [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov). Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004.

Your appeal must be in writing and submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should clearly identify the determination being appealed including the assigned FOIA request number shown above. For quickest possible handling, both the appeal letter and its envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Should you have additional questions regarding this response, please contact Laurice Redhead of my staff via e-mail at [redhead.laurice@epa.gov](mailto:redhead.laurice@epa.gov) or by telephone at (202) 564-7153.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew W. Morrison".

Matthew W. Morrison  
Deputy Director  
Office of Criminal Enforcement,  
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cc: National Freedom of Information Officer  
FOIA and Privacy Branch (2822T)